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Statement from State Attorney Andrew H. Warren Following Today's Hearing Regarding Howell Donaldson III Case

We empathize tremendously with Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson for their extremely difficult situation. We are not looking for Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson to incriminate their son, and so we offered to significantly limit our areas of inquiry. But fairness requires that we explore all relevant evidence to protect against issues being raised for the first time at trial. We hope that the sanctions imposed by the court will persuade the parents to comply with their legal duty to provide truthful information. We owe the pursuit of truth and justice to the victims and their families.